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<p>Auction Sales To-day.</p> <p><i>None.</i></p>	<p>Life Policies effected during the year 1876 Share in the Bonus to be declared on 31st December for the quinquennial period then ending.</p> <p>A. MACG. HEATON, <i>General Agent.</i></p> <p>1465 Hongkong, 27th September, 1876.</p>	<p>holders of notes in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remainder third being carried to Reserve Fund.</p> <p>OLYMPIAN & Co., <i>General Agents.</i></p> <p>41 951 Hongkong, 17th April, 1878.</p>	<p>on any building; or on mortgages in the same, at the usual rates, subject to a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%).</p> <p>GILMAN & Co., <i>Agents.</i></p> <p>11 1088 Hongkong, 7th July, 1874.</p>	<p>granted at the rate of 4 per cent. current as the above-mentioned Bonds.</p> <p>No charge for Policy fees.</p> <p>JAS. B. COUGHTLE, <i>Secretary.</i></p> <p>Hongkong, 1st November, 1871. [at 835</p>	<p>(the extent of 25,000 on adjoining lands at Current Rates.</p> <p>A Discount of 30% allowed.</p> <p>HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., <i>Agents.</i></p> <p>48 Hongkong, 8th January, 1876.</p>	<p>the cargo will be raised & delivered to the consignee on and after the 29th August, 1876. Goods undelivered after 5th September, will be subject to Rent.</p> <p>BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, A 1395 Hongkong, 29th August, 1876.</p>
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the cost of their rice naturally appeared a serious matter, and a great meeting was held by them at Cocktown to petition against it. The result of this petition has not yet transpired, but the Cocktown papers state that in consequence of the new tax several of the leading Chinese merchants in that port have resolved to close their places of business. The course taken by the Queensland Legislature in imposing fresh taxes on the Chinese seems to have been adopted without sufficient reflection. It is true that the Chinese live on meagre fare, mostly brought by them into the country, and purchase few, if any, durable goods, they contribute scarcely anything towards the enrichment of the country, but, on the contrary, being mere birds of passage, they carry a large amount of specie from it, while the white colonists who settle there and pay a good sum in taxes, are placed at a disadvantage in competing with them. This argument does not sound unreasonable, it must be admitted. Granting, however, that a tax upon rice would be justifiable, it certainly impacts unduly at the present time. The Chinese have lately been obtaining very little gold in the up-country districts, and trade at Cocktown has seriously declined. The effect of an additional impost on their chief article of diet will, therefore, be, in all probability, to drive the Chinese from the colony. This would, though the Queenslanders do not all recognize the fact, be a real misfortune to that young, growing, but undeveloped country. It is perfectly true that, so far, the natives of the Central Kingdom have failed to make any adequate return to the colony for the wealth which they have succeeded in extracting from its auriferous soil, and that the colonists have derived more annoyance than benefit from their presence. But by the exercise of patience and forbearance—a time would surely have come when the Chinese visitors might have proved blessings no longer in disguise. The gold fields will, in the course of a few years, most likely be exhausted. They can never be depended upon as the permanent foundation of a country's prosperity. They may, as they have done in several cases, give an impetus, more or less great, to the progress of a new colony, but they must not be looked to as a lasting source of support. There are few countries which have not other resources to fall back upon, and gold mines give them a fine opportunity, in the meantime, of developing these. Queensland is blessed with a rich and fertile soil, on which may be grown almost every production of tropic climes and many of the more temperate regions. At present little has been attempted in the North of the colony in the way of agriculture. The population has been too absorbed in the pursuit of the shining ore to take much heed of the fertility of the soil, or to speculate on the wealth to be made by the cultivation of coffee, sugar, cotton, rice, indigo, &c. Some few of the more thoughtful have, with an eye to the future, discussed the capabilities of the country, and the idea of forming large plantations in the newly colonized districts has been mooted. But as yet little has been actually done, and the rich lands of the North still lie untouched, and wait the husbandman's skill to make them yield abundant crops of valuable produce. The climate is too hot to permit the cultivation being effected by white labour, and whenever the people of North Queensland—or Pricealand, as a pro-separation journal has already dubbed it—determine to engage in planting they will have to import Asiatic labour. This is always expensive and often difficult. It would, then, surely be better to try and retain in the colony as many of the Chinese as can be induced to accept employment in field or plantation. The imposition of a tax on their chief article of food will prove, however, a certain means of driving them out of the country, for it must necessarily greatly reduce the purchasing power of the wages they would earn. This result is not, we think, really desired by the Queenslanders, and even if it be so, they will assuredly see reason to repeat adopting such a policy later on, when they are compelled to import a large colony labour their action is now forcing out of the country. The Chinese are not the cleanest people in the world, and they have some vices which render their proximity not altogether pleasant, but they are patient, persevering, frugal, and law-abiding, and are capable of doing much more work than any other Asiatic race. It is to be regretted, on many accounts, that the people of Queensland have embarked on a course hostile to the increase of Chinese immigration into that country. At the same time, it must be allowed that the Chinese have no cause for grumbling. They have not been unfairly treated; they will not maintain any actual injury if they are compelled to leave Australia. Their Government does not extend corresponding advantages to British subjects, does not even allow them to trade in any but the ports opened by treaty, and the Empire is, for the most part, still a sealed book to Europeans. So long as it clings to its exclusion policy, it can hardly expect foreign countries to welcome Chinese emigrants with the same cordiality with which they would greet pilgrims from civilised Europe.

A miscellaneous entertainment was given in the Temperance Hall on Monday evening, and was well attended. The Rev. W. H. Hayes presided.

The C. M. Daily News says that the Chinese in Shanghai had an amazing report on the 29th ult., that matters had been settled at the Shanghai-Hankow Railway. The Shanghai-Hankow Railway for four years! and the Yunnan Railway for five!

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